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SUBJECT: ROMANIA MARKS WARSAW PACT'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY: AN

ANACHRONISM, BUT ...

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1. CENTRAL PRESS MAY 14, IN XHCK - OR INSIDE PAGE ANNIVERSARY

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TOWARD WARSAW PACT. STRESS WAS ON DISSOLVING MILITARY BLOCS

AND ACCENTING POLITICAL SIDE OF WP, "INCLUDING THE
PERFECTING OF THE SYSTEM OF RECIPROCALLY INFORMING AND
CONSULTING" IN ORDER TO BROADEN DETENTE. PENDING NATO'S
DEMISE, ROMANIA WILL CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN OWN
MILITARY FORCES TO DETER AGGRESSION (OF "WHATEVER SORT")
AND TO "COLLABORATE" MILITARILY WITH NOT ONLY "EACH NATIONAL
ARMY" (USUAL SLAP AT SOVIET PROMOTED PACT COORDINATION)
BUT ALSO THOSE OF "ALL SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES (IMPLICITLY YUGOSLAVIA
AND CHINA) AND OF "FRIENDLY STATES" AS WELL. EDITORIALS WERE
ROUNDED OFF BY USUAL PLUGS FOR CSCE AND DISARMAMENT, PLUS
SHORT FACTUAL ITEM ON ATTENDANCE OF GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
VP'S MOCUTA AND ZOODORESCU (CLS FIRST SECRETARY AND UNION
OF W
ITERS CHAIRMAN, RESPECTIVELY) AT WARSAW COMMEMORATIVE
MEETING OF PARLIAMENTARIANS.

2. COMMENT: GOR ATTENTION TO PACT ANNIVERSARY STRIKES
US AS MODEST, CORRECT, AND MINIMAL. GOR OFFICIALS HAVE
PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT GOR WISHES TO STRESS "POLITICAL SIDE"
OF PACT IN DETENTE FRAMEWORK SO AS TO DILUTE MOSCOW'S
INSISTENCE ON TIGHTER MILITARY COORDINATION. HOWEVER, FROM
ABOVE LANGUAGE, IT APPEARS ROMANIA MEANS BY THIS MAINLY
TOLT SOVIETS SHOULD CUT IN EE PARTNERS MORE DEMOCRABPRALLY
THAN IN PAST. PHRASEOLOGY LEAVES MOOT GOR'S ACTUAL ATTITUDE
TOWARD ANY NEW POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS (REFTEL).
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